

EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

East Providence School Committee

East Providence City Hall

145 Taunton Avenue (Conference Room A and Council Chamber)

East Providence, Rhode Island 02914

April 9, 2013

Open Session

Mr. Monteiro, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

School Committee members present: Elizabeth Clupny, Timothy Conley, Anthony Ferreira, Joel Monteiro, Richard Pimentel. Also present:

Kim Mercer, Superintendent of Schools, Robert M. Silva, Esq. and Andrew Thomas, Esq.

Motion by Mr. Pimentel to convene in Executive Session for purposes of discussing: Personnel-R.I.

Gen. Laws §42-46-5(a) (1), Collective Bargaining R.I. Gen. Laws §42-46-5(a) (2), Litigation/Pending

Litigation -R.I. Gen. Laws §42-46-5(a) (2), seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Ms. Clupny to return to public session and to seal the minutes of the executive session, seconded by Mr. Pimentel. Vote

5-0.

Report Executive Session Votes – Mr. Monteiro reported that the School Committee unanimously approved a contract for Kim Mercer, Superintendent of Schools. Vote 5-0.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag & Moment of Silence observed.

Student/Staff Recognition

Donna Rapoza was honored as the RI Physical Education Teacher of the Year.

Student Liaison Report – Joshua Concepcion presented a report on high school activities and events.

Report on City of East Providence Budget Commission - Kim Mercer reported that at the last Budget Commission meeting on March 28th they voted to return authority to the City Council and School Committee.

Public Comment I

Golf Team Coach, Bill McEnery, thanked Joel Monteiro, Superintendent Mercer and all who supported the Scrambler Golf Event. Mr. Monteiro commended Mr. McEnery for all of his efforts in support of students and the High School Golf Team.

Superintendent's Report

Personnel Report on Resignations/Leaves of Absence

RETIREMENT

**Carolyn Baluch-Special Education/Resource Teacher-Silver Spring -
Effective End of 12/13 School Year**

JOB SHARE

**Amy Kizzee 3/5+Ellen Will 2/5-Science Teacher-EPHS-Effective
2013/2014 School Year**

Consent Agenda

**Approval of Minutes - Motion by Mr. Pimentel to approve the minutes
of the meetings held on January 10, 2013 and February 13, 2013,
seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Vote 5-0.**

**Finance Report – Kim Mercer reported revenues at 32%- \$22Million;
expenditures at 42%-\$29Million; according to the School Department
Controller we are right on track.**

Action Items

**School Committee Policy Book Revision – Kim Mercer recommended
approval of a bid award to Mr. Tom Sweeney to review and update the
School Committee Policy Manual; funds have been allocated for this
project. Motion to approve by Ms. Clupny, seconded by Mr. Pimentel.
Vote 5-0.**

Personnel Appointments

Julie Motta - Director of Education – Effective April 22, 2013

Dawn August - Curriculum Coordinator – May 1, 2013

Paul Amaral- Boys Tennis Coach-EPHS-Effective 03/19/2013

Michael Almeida-Boys Outdoor Track-EPHS-Effective 03/19/2013

Laura Harris-Science NECAP Testing Coordinator – RMS - Effective 2012/2013 School Year

Pamela Thacker-Science NECAP Testing Coordinator-MMS –Effective 2012/2013 School Year

Elizabeth Pacheco-Student Council – EPHS-Effective 2013/2014 School Year - Tabled

Ms. Mercer introduced Julie Motta and Dawn August; she explained that interviews were held for the two positions and she was pleased with the choices of the selection committee. Mr. Monteiro commented that stakeholders from the district were included on the interview committee and we are now in a position for all parties to move forward with confidence.

School Breakfast/Lunch Price Increases - Kim Mercer recommended approval of a slight increase in the price of school lunches for the 2013-14 school year in order to comply with federal mandates. Motion to approve by Mr. Pimentel, seconded by Ms. Clupny. Vote 5-0.

School Calendar 2013-14 – Ms. Mercer recommended approval; the calendar will be submitted to RIDE for approval. Motion was made by

Mr. Pimentel to approve, seconded by Ms. Clupny. Vote 5-0.

Field Trip Request – Motion by Ms. Clupny to approve a request from Martin Middle School, seconded by Mr. Pimentel. Vote .

Requisitions – Bill List

Warrant

#1303 3/26/13 \$ 2,675.00

#1304 3/27/13 \$ \$ 153.41

#1305 4/5/13 \$2,308,193.72

#1306 4/5/13 \$ 210,848.38

Motion to approve by Ms. Clupny, seconded by Mr. Pimentel. Vote 5-0.

Old Business

Report on the Orlo Avenue School Playground – Izilda Teves thanked everyone for their support and the commitment of parents and staff; special thanks to Senator Daniel DaPonte and Representative Helio Melo for the award of a \$75,000 Grant. A Ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on May 15th 1:30PM and an appreciation event on June 15th to which all are invited to attend.

New Business

PTA Reports- IzildaTeves reported on upcoming events at Orlo Avenue School.

Public Comment II

Chrissy Rossi asked for clarification of liability at the next meeting regarding buses for Middle School sports teams; Middle School sports is not considered a school function.

Mr. Monteiro commented that groups have raised money for middle school sports; Orlo has recognized the people who volunteered and contribute to a playground project; hats off to the PTA's and others for driving things forward. Mr. Ferreira also wanted to recognize businesses in the city that have made contributions and other individuals who have done a wonderful job for the kids and the city.

Fred Rybka asked if the School Committee would resume holding two meetings per month.

Mr. Monteiro stated that he would take input from School Committee members on this; also additional meetings can be scheduled when the need arises as issues come up.

Announcements

Mr. Monteiro stated that a tour of Meadowcrest would be held on April 27th from 9-10AM for Oldham students and families. He thanked Mr. Catelli for his assistance. Also, a fundraiser will be held to restore the High School Gym; Pasta Dinner on May 24th and Townie Day on May 25th; more information will be forthcoming.

Motion by Mr. Pimentel to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Clupny. Vote

5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Iannelli, Administrative Assistant

Elizabeth Clupny, Clerk of the Committee